(b) and (c) Tyres are not subject to any price and distribution control. A close watch is, however, being maintained by the Government over prices of tyres as well as their raw materials to maintain reasonable stability in the prices of both tyres and raw material inputs.

Shortage of spare parts for Maruti vehicles

1761. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many vehicles, category-wise, Maruti Udyog has produced so far;

(b) whether Government are aware of the shortage of spare parts for the vehicles; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken for easy availability of spare parts throughout the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) The number of vehicles produced upto the end of July, 1985 is as under:—

Maruti-800 Cars—24,743
Maruti-DX Cars—9,124
Vans—7,276

(b) Instances of shortage of some imported spare parts have come to Government's notice.

(c) Government have impressed upon Maruti Udyog Ltd. to make concerted efforts for accelerated indigenisation of maintenance spares and meanwhile make arrangements for import of required quantity.

Industrially backward districts in Kerala

1762: SHRI C. HARIDAS: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many districts in Kerala have been declared as Industrially backward districts;

(b) what type of assistance Central Government have been extending to such districts for development and what is the progress made;

(c) whether Mallappuram has been declared an Industrially backward district and if so, the details of assistance rendered and the present proposals for its development; and

(d) if not, whether there is any proposal to declare Mallappuram as a backward district; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) 7 districts in Kerala have been declared as industrially backward and are eligible for graded rates of Central Subsidy; the details of which are given in the Booklet on "Incentives for Industries in Backward Areas" read with Press Note No. 14/1/83-DBA-I dated 9-4-85; copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.

During the last three years an amount of Rs. 502.99,339/- has been disbursed under the Central Investment Subsidy Scheme. Year-wise break-up is as follows:

Year	Amount
1982-83 . .	40,23,915
1983-84 . . .	29,19,700
1984-85 . . .	4,33,55,724
	5,02,99,339